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• **LISTS**

OF

**NEW ENGLAND MAGAZINES**

**1743-1800**

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1910, Oct. 24,  
From the author

Mr. ALBERT MATTHEWS made the following communication :

## NEW ENGLAND MAGAZINES OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

Having in preparation a bibliography of New England magazines of the eighteenth century, it occurs to me that tentative lists of such magazines may prove useful. These lists are based on the collections owned by the following libraries and societies: American Antiquarian Society, Boston Athenæum, Boston Public Library, Library of Congress, Essex Institute, Harvard College Library, Lenox (New York Public) Library, Massachusetts Historical Society, Massachusetts State Library, New England Historic Genealogical Society, New York Historical Society, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Library Company of Philadelphia, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Yale University Library. My thanks are due to the officials of these institutions for many courtesies.

Other libraries or societies, however, may have earlier or later numbers of a particular magazine than those indicated in the present lists, or may have a magazine not listed here. Again, questions not easily answered are: Exactly what is a magazine? Wherein does a magazine differ from a newspaper? Is the proper criterion size or contents? In September, 1908, the writer issued a leaflet containing a prefatory note and a chronological list of New England



magazines of the eighteenth century.<sup>1</sup> That list contained, in addition to the magazines given in the present lists, the following three titles:

The New-Haven Gazette, and the Connecticut Magazine, New Haven:  
1786, February 16 — 1789, June 18

Courier de Boston, Affiches, Annonces, et Avis, Boston: 1789, Avril 23  
— Octobre 15

The New Star, Concord, New Hampshire: 1797, April 11 — October 3

In the prefatory note to the leaflet, I remarked that "the propriety of regarding all the publications in the present list as magazines will probably not be questioned except in four cases, — namely: New-Haven Gazette, and the Connecticut Magazine (1786-1789); Worcester Magazine (1786-1788); Courier de Boston (1789); New Star (1797)." A careful examination of the above three periodical publications convinces me that they should be regarded as newspapers rather than as magazines, and hence they do not appear in the lists given below. The case of the Worcester Magazine is peculiar, but I think it may properly be included in a list of magazines. A full discussion of this matter, however, is reserved for the completed bibliography.

The three following titles, printed in italics, have been found in advertisements or catalogues, but no copies are known:

*The American Monitor, or the Republican Magazine*, Boston: 1785,  
October

*The Religious Monitor and Theological Scales*, Danbury, Connecticut:  
1797 —

*The Christian's Monitor; or Theological Magazine*, Concord, New Hampshire: 1798, June

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<sup>1</sup> One title in the lists now given — *Wisdom in Miniature* (1796) — was not in the leaflet, as its existence was then unknown to me; and since the leaflet was printed, several numbers then unknown of other magazines have come to my notice.

In his *Check-List of American Magazine Printed in the Eighteenth Century*, printed in 1889, Mr. Paul Leicester Ford listed fifteen New England magazines — namely, those in the above lists numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18. The magazines in the above lists numbered 10, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, are now listed for the first time.

## CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF NEW ENGLAND MAGAZINES, 1743-1800

- 1 The Boston Weekly Magazine, Boston: 1743, March 2, 9, 16
- 2 The Christian History, Boston: 1743, March 5 — 1745, February 23
- 3 The American Magazine and Historical Chronicle, Boston: 1743, September — 1746, December
- 4 The New England Magazine, Boston: 1758, August <sup>1</sup> —
- 5 The Censor, Boston: 1771, November 23 — 1772, May 2
- 6 The Royal American Magazine, or Universal Repository of Instruction and Amusement, Boston: 1774, January — 1775, March
- 7 The Boston Magazine, Boston: 1783, October — 1786, December
- 8 The Gentleman and Lady's Town and Country Magazine, Boston: 1784, May — December
- 9 The Worcester Magazine, Worcester: 1768, April — 1788, March
- 10 The American Musical Magazine, New Haven: 1786-1787 <sup>2</sup>
- 11 The Massachusetts Magazine: or, Monthly Museum of Knowledge and rational Entertainment, Boston: 1789, January — 1796, December
- 12 The Gentlemen and Ladies Town and Country Magazine, Boston: 1789, February — 1790, August
- 13 The American Apollo, Boston: 1792, January 6 — September 28 <sup>3</sup>
- 14 The New-Hampshire Magazine: or, the Monthly Repository of Useful Information, Concord: 1793, June — November
- 15 The Monthly Miscellany, or Vermont Magazine, Bennington: 1794, April — September
- 16 The Rural Magazine: or, Vermont Repository, Rutland: 1795, January — 1796, December
- 17 The Tablet, Boston: 1795, May 19 — August 11
- 18 The Nightingale, or, Melange de Litterature, Boston: 1796, May 10 — July 30
- 19 Wisdom in Miniature: or the Young Gentleman and Lady's Magazine, Hartford, Connecticut: 1796, No. 1

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<sup>1</sup> Number 1 is entitled *The New England Magazine* for August 1758. Numbers 2 and 3 are entitled *The New England Magazine Of Knowledge and Pleasure*, but are not dated.

<sup>2</sup> Twelve undated numbers were published.

<sup>3</sup> Continued as a newspaper.

- 20 The Newhampshire & Vermont Magazine and General Repository, Haverhill, New Hampshire: 1797, July — October
- 21 A Republican Magazine: or, Repository of Political Truths, Fairhaven, Vermont: 1798, October 1 — December 15
- 22 The Columbian Phenix and Boston Review, Boston: 1800, January — July
- 23 The Connecticut Evangelical Magazine, Hartford: 1800, July — December<sup>1</sup>

#### ALPHABETICAL LIST OF NEW ENGLAND MAGAZINES, 1743-1800

- 13 American Apollo: 1792
- 3 American Magazine: 1743-1746
- 10 American Musical Magazine: 1786-1787
- 7 Boston Magazine: 1783-1786
- 1 Boston Weekly Magazine: 1743
- 5 Censor: 1771-1772
- 2 Christian History: 1743-1745
- 22 Columbian Phenix: 1800
- 23 Connecticut Evangelical Magazine: 1800
- 8 Gentleman and Lady's Town and Country Magazine: 1784
- 12 Gentlemen and Ladies Town and Country Magazine: 1789-1790
- 11 Massachusetts Magazine: 1789-1796
- 15 Monthly Miscellany: 1794
- 4 New England Magazine: 1758
- 20 Newhampshire & Vermont Magazine: 1797
- 14 New-Hampshire Magazine: 1793
- 18 Nightingale: 1796
- 21 Republican Magazine: 1798
- 6 Royal American Magazine: 1774-1775
- 16 Rural Magazine: 1795-1796
- 17 Tablet: 1795
- 19 Wisdom in Miniature: 1796
- 9 Worcester Magazine: 1786-1788

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<sup>1</sup> Continued into the nineteenth century.

## LIST OF NEW ENGLAND MAGAZINES BY YEARS, 1743-1800

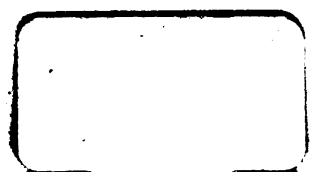
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